

I think it will be outrageous for Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to be allowed to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just days before the election, especially labeling it as news when it is obviously pure political propaganda. Their action is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair, using the public airwaves at no charge, is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, they are inclined to offer more of what's good for them and less of what we need to keep our democratic principles alive. Instead of something produced at a "News Central" far away, shouldn't we see and hear real people, preferably from their own communities, presenting real news about issues that matter to them?

Sinclair's actions show why you need to strengthen, drastically, the media ownership rules. The license renewal process needs to involve much, much more than a returned postcard!

Very sincerely